

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending.¹ Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on U.S. Patent 4,807,824 (Gains et al.). Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 4-6 are allowable and that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant herein amends claim 7 to incorporate features of claims 1 and 3, from which claim 7 formerly depended. Claim 8 depends from claim 7. Claim 13 has been amended to correct a typographic error.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and assistance extended during the personal interview conducted on March 30, 2004. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed claim 1, which recites a stop arm mounted for movement between first and second positions responsive to movement of the web-sensing member. Axle 30 of Gains et al. is supported by sockets at the side walls of a cabinet. See Gains et al. col. 2, lines 33-35. See also Fig. 3. Axle 30 thus cannot be a stop arm as recited by claim 1, as it does not move between first and second positions. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Gains et al.²

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order

¹ It is noted that claims 2 and 9-14 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Thus, Applicant will not, at this stage, separately argue the patentability of those claims. It is respectfully submitted that upon allowance of claim 1, these withdrawn claims depending from claim 1 should be rejoined and also allowed.

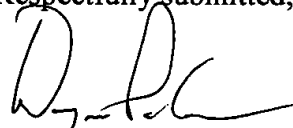
² It is also not clear from Gains et al. whether axle 30 is an integral part of turning bar 28, or whether turning bar 28 rotates freely about axle 30 (i.e., that axle 30 is a separate piece extending through a bore in bar 28). If axle 30 is an integral part of bar 28, it cannot move independently of bar 28.

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to place this application in better form for allowance, he is respectfully urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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